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## **Kansas City district engineer to present awards**

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Col. Michael Rossi, district engineer for the Kansas City District, will present the awards to students who placed first, second or third in the annual Kansas City Black History Month Poetry Essay and Art contest at 9:30 a.m. Thursday in room 116 of the Richard Bolling Federal Building.

Students from the Kansas City, Mo. And Kansas City, Kan., school districts were asked to write essays, draw pictures or create pomes with the theme “Crisis in America: Hurricane Katrina.”

Keynote speaker will be retired Lt. Col. Michael Byrd, director of army instruction, Kansas City, Mo., School District, who will speak in the topic, “Overcoming Change.”

Maj. Ronald L. Buske, Lincoln College Preparatory ROTC instructor will be honored at the event.

The Kiddie Kollege Nursery and the Kindergarten School will also perform.

For more information contact the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Kansas City District Public Affairs Office at (816) 983-03486.